

## THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

June 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on June 19, 2007 at 4:00pm at the Lindner Tennis Building, 4750 Playfield Lane (26), with the following members present: Mmes. Driehaus, Ingram and Brewer and Messrs. Smith, Moeddel, and Fultz, with Ms. Driehaus presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Simmons, Shannon, Yemaya, Gerth, and Cox and Messrs. Bigham, Jones, Pierson, and Ross. Mr. Thomas joined the meeting at 4:15pm.

### RECOGNITION OF Denise Hazel, Oakley Center

Greg Pierson, Service Area Coordinator of the Oakley Community Center, recognized Denise Hazel. Mr. Pierson stated that Ms. Hazel is one of the "giving people". She is always doing for others. The Oakley Seniors made Ms. Hazel their volunteer of the year and awarded her a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Pierson read a proclamation issued by Mayor Mallory declaring June 7, 2007 the "Denise Hazel Volunteer Extraordinaire Day". Mr. Pierson thanked Ms. Hazel for her dedication to the community. Ms. Driehaus thanked her and reiterated how important volunteers are to the operation of our department.

### MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed.

### BIDS

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the bid of Jeffrey Allen Corp in the amount of \$247,962.00 for the renovation of ball fields at Bramble, LeBlond, Madisonville, and Pleasant Ridge.

Motion passed.

Ms. Driehaus and Ms. Ingram questioned which golf courses the installation of cart paths would affect. Mr. Pacella advised that plans are for

Neumann, Avon, and California courses to receive cart paths but, if there is an emergency need at one of the other courses the contract would be used there.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the low bid of J.K. Meurer Corp in the amount of \$113,300.00 for the installation of golf cart paths.

Motion passed.

The bid for renovation of athletic hardwood flooring was questioned in regard to where the renovations would take place. This information was not readily available but will be provided to Commissioners.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the low bid of McSwain Carpet and Floors in the amount of \$86,722.50 for the renovation of athletic hardwood flooring. The renovation locations will be forwarded to Commissioners.

It is noted that in the future the Commission Members would like to know the specific locations where bid work and/or service is to be done.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Letter from Councilmember Crowley to Stella Barnes

Councilmember Crowley sent a letter to Stella Barnes thanking her for her part in making the celebration for Woodward Technical High School/Katrina Relief Project a great success. This item was received for filing.

### Letter to Mike Thomas from Vickie Memmel

Ms. Memmel sent a letter to Mike Thomas to compliment our department for providing all the skilled and dedicated personnel who make Senior Olympics progress so well, in particular, Dina Hanks. This item was received for filing.

### Article Regarding the Dunham Playground Build

There was an article recruiting volunteers for the new Dunham Playground Build to take place beginning at 8am on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This item was received for filing.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Program Highlight – Aquatic Division

Jincey Yemaya, Service Area Coordinator of the Aquatic Division, presented the Program Highlight. Ms. Yemaya introduced Mark Johnson, Pool Supervisor, to Commission. Mr. Johnson is the Pool Supervisor for the West Region. Mr. Johnson thanked Commission for their support. He stated that we are about two weeks into the pool season. He advised that their goal is to provide a safe, clean, and fun environment for participants. Mr. Johnson advised that it is nice to be able to give the kids a fun, safe place to go.

Ms. Yemaya stated that we don't have any trouble getting guards and that our pools are staffed at the levels they need to be. We still need swim suits for the children and adults who do not have any. Please drop them off at the Main Office or any of the sites.

Ms. Yemaya emphasized how important it is provide swim lessons. She advised that African American youth drown at a rate of 3 times as many as Caucasian youth. We have swim lessons available for all ages at various locations around the city.

Thanks to Kroger, the Kroger Family Fun Pool Days will be provided again this summer. Ms. Yemaya provided copies of the Aquatic Program Brochure for 2007 and fliers on other events taking place this summer. Ms. Brewer asked for some of the fliers to pass out. The Dunham Aquatic complex is underway. We hope to have a dedication in August.

Ms. Driehaus thanked Ms. Yemaya for the outstanding job she does.

#### Information and Briefing Items

Chris Bigham provided a budget update through May 31, 2007. He stated that we are right on target for 2007. The Municipal Golf Fund expenditures are \$9,000.00 less than the prior year, revenue is \$158,000.00 more, and rounds are up \$5,000.00 from the prior year. The Special Activities Fund revenue is up \$17,000.00 and expenditures are also up by \$60,000.00 (primarily due to the new minimum wage) over the prior year. The Waterfront Sawyer Point Fund revenue is consistent with prior year revenue and expenditures are up by \$8,000.00 and are consistent with estimates for the year.

Commission members had no questions pertaining to the budget update.

### Youth Commission Member Report

The Youth Commission Member Report was distributed. Ms. Brewer introduced herself and gave a little background on her association with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Mr. Thomas stated that training took place on Monday for the youth who have been hired for the summer. Mayor Mark Mallory was at the training and was very pleased.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Draft of Aquatic Plan

Chris Bigham reviewed the draft aquatic plan with Commission. We almost lost 13 of our pools last year due to budget cuts. The draft plan is to enable us to get our pools up to speed. We are trying to keep an aquatic experience in every neighborhood by having a deep water pool within a mile radius. The plan is to reduce the number of pools and create some spraygrounds which are more economic to operate and maintain. We will be able to keep the spraygrounds open longer than the pools. The plan will maximize the experience and extend the season.

Mr. Moeddel asked if we know what our operating cost are for the next five years. Mr. Bigham provided those figures. Mr. Fultz asked if attendance at pools was taken into consideration in the development of the plan and Mr. Bigham replied that it was. Ms. Ingram requested that it be noted that the monies listed in the plan are given in current dollar amounts.

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the implementation of the Draft Aquatic Plan in phases over a period of several years.

Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Field Trips

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the Field Trips as submitted by staff.

Motion passed.

### Morning Glory Ride Request for Rule Exemption

Kathy Shannon, Supervising Recreation Coordinator at the Waterfront, presented a request from the Morning Glory Bike Ride Committee of the Sierra Club for permission to sell raffle tickets at the Morning Glory Bike Ride on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The prize of the raffle will be a customized bicycle. The money raised will be used to support Sierra Club activities in accordance with the Club's mission of enjoying, preserving and protecting the environment. Ms. Shannon advised that the Club has been conducting this event and raffle for about four years.

Ms. Ingram moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the request of the Morning Glory Ride Steering Committee to conduct a raffle during the Morning Glory Bike Ride on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion passed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, that an Executive Session of the Recreation Commission be held pursuant to Section 121.22(G) of the Ohio Revised Code for charges or complaints against employees to consider the dismissal, discipline or demotion of a public employee. Roll call: Mr. Moeddel, yes; Rev. Smith, yes; Ms. Driehaus, yes; Mr. Fultz, yes.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Rev. Smith to come out of Executive Session and resume the General Session.

Motion passed.

### Personnel Issue No. 1

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation that Jesse Lee, Laborer, be dismissed for actions and behavior that represent a continued pattern of escalating Neglect of Duty and Failure of Good Behavior, of a severe level due to the drug-related nature of the arrests and conviction.

Motion passed.

### Personnel Issue No. 2

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation of a demotion to a position that does not require providing direction on the charge of Neglect of Duty and a 24 hour suspension for the charge of Insubordination for Larry Hummons, Truck Driver.

Motion passed.

#### OTHER NOTES

Ms. Driehaus thanked Michael Thomas for his time and effort filling in as Interim Director of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. She commended Mr. Thomas on a job well done. Fellow Commissioners thanked Mr. Thomas for his service to the Department.

#### COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 4:00pm at the Recreation Main Office.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Denise M. Driehaus, President

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Michael A. Thomas, Interim Director

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